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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-RCRA-2014-0925; FRL-9927-83-OEI]

### **Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Requirements for Generators, Transporters, and Waste Management Facilities under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Manifest System (Renewal)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), “Requirements for Generators, Transporters, and Waste Management Facilities under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Manifest System (Renewal)” (EPA ICR No. 0801.20, OMB Control No. 2050-0039) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2015. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* (80 FR 8306) on February 17, 2015 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before [insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2014-0925, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [rcra-docket@epa.gov](mailto:rcra-docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail

Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*Abstract:* This ICR covers recordkeeping and reporting activities for the hazardous waste manifest paper system, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA's authority to require use of a manifest system stems primarily from RCRA 3002(a)(5) (also RCRA Sections 3003(a)(3) and 3004). Regulations are found in 40 CFR part 262 (registrant organizations and generators), part 263 (transporters), and parts 264 and 265 (TSDFs). The

manifest lists the wastes that are being shipped and the treatment, storage, or disposal facility (TSDF) to which the wastes are bound. Generators, transporters, and TSDFs handling hazardous waste are required to complete the data requirements for manifests and other reports primarily to:

- (1) track each shipment of hazardous waste from the generator to a designated facility;
- (2) provide information requirements sufficient to allow the use of a manifest in lieu of a Department of Transportation (DOT) shipping paper or bill of lading, thereby reducing the duplication of paperwork to the regulated community;
- (3) provide information to transporters and waste management facility workers on the hazardous nature of the waste;
- (4) inform emergency response teams of the waste's hazard in the event of an accident, spill, or leak; and
- (5) ensure that shipments of hazardous waste are managed properly and delivered to their designated facilities.

On February 7, 2014, EPA published the electronic manifest (e-Manifest) Final Rule. The final rule established new manifest requirements that authorized the use of electronic manifests (or e-Manifests) as a means to track off-site shipments of hazardous waste from a generator's site to the site of the receipt and disposition of the hazardous waste. EPA is taking action now to establish the national e-Manifest system, but unknown variables (e.g., funding contingencies for e-Manifest system development) could delay the actual deployment of the system. Therefore, until EPA announces that the e-Manifest system is available for use in a subsequent Federal Register document, all respondents under the information collection requirements covered in this ICR (i.e., hazardous waste generators, transporters, and treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs)) must continue to comply with the current paper-based manifest system and use the existing paper manifests forms for the off-site transportation of hazardous waste shipments. The EPA anticipates that the initial system will become available for use no later than spring 2018.

*Form Numbers:* Form 8700-22 and 8700-22A

*Respondents/affected entities:* Business or other for-profit facilities.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (RCRA 3002(a)(5))

*Estimated number of respondents:* 83,500

*Frequency of response:* Once per shipment.

*Total estimated burden:* 2,555,959 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b)

*Total estimated cost:* \$85,553,718 (per year), includes \$2,658,577 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is a decrease of 917,618 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease resulted primarily from a decrease in the annual number of generators preparing manifests.

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